

Amendment No. 1 to HB1120

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) There is created the state government advisory task force on extreme weather, natural catastrophes, and community resilience.

(b) The task force shall consist of twenty-four (24) members as follows:

(1) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(2) One (1) member appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(3) One (1) representative from the department of agriculture appointed by the commissioner of agriculture;

(4) One (1) representative from the department of health appointed by the commissioner of health;

(5) One (1) representative from the department of environment and conservation appointed by the commissioner of environment and conservation;

(6) One (1) representative from the department of commerce and insurance appointed by the commissioner of commerce and insurance;

(7) One (1) representative from the department of finance and administration appointed by the commissioner of finance and administration;

(8) One (1) representative from the department of human services appointed by the commissioner of human services;

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(9) One (1) representative from the department of safety and homeland security appointed by the commissioner of safety and homeland security;

(10) One (1) representative from the department of tourist development appointed by the commissioner of tourist development;

(11) One (1) representative from the department of transportation appointed by the commissioner of transportation;

(12) One (1) representative from the department of economic and community development appointed by the commissioner of economic and community development;

(13) One (1) representative from the department of education appointed by the commissioner of education;

(14) The executive director of the Tennessee housing development agency;

(15) The director of the Tennessee emergency management agency or alternate designee appointed by the adjutant general to act as a representative of the department of military;

(16) One (1) researcher involved in the scientific program of an institute of higher learning in this state who specializes in the area of meteorology or climatology, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(17) One (1) researcher involved in the program of an institute of higher learning in this state who specializes in the area of extreme weather vulnerability assessment, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(18) One (1) county mayor appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(19) One (1) city mayor appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(20) One (1) Tennessee business representative appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(21) One (1) public member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(22) One (1) representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;

(23) One (1) representative from the Tennessee Valley Authority; and

(24) One (1) director of a development district selected by the commissioner of environment and conservation.

(c)

(1) The task force shall:

(A) Assess the historical, present, and projected occurrence of natural catastrophes and extreme weather events affecting this state, which include, but are not limited to, floods, wildfires, extreme temperatures, heat waves, severe storms, blizzards, and drought;

(B) Examine present and projected losses associated with the occurrence of extreme weather events and other natural catastrophes affecting this state, and land management practices that potentiate extreme weather events and other natural catastrophes, resulting in increased flooding, wildfires, and drought conditions;

(C) Develop recommendations to address vulnerabilities and adverse impacts in this state associated with the occurrence of extreme weather events and other natural catastrophes, including, but not limited to, adverse impacts in this state associated with any projections related to the occurrence of extreme weather events and other natural catastrophes, and any barriers to the state's provision of services and resources and economic prosperity due to the occurrence of such events; and

(D) Develop recommendations to increase the state's resilience to extreme weather events and other natural catastrophes in this state.

(2) The task force shall include an examination of the following in its assessment and recommendations:

(A) The economic impact to the state of any projections related to the occurrence of extreme weather events and other natural catastrophes, including, but not limited to, the impact on forestry, agriculture, water and other natural resources, food systems, zoning, wildlife, hunting, infrastructure, transportation, economic productivity and security, education, and public health;

(B) Proposals to prepare for and reduce the adverse impacts associated with extreme weather events and other natural catastrophes that result in loss of life, property, or otherwise impact the economy of the state; and to increase the state's resiliency to future occurrence of such events in this state;

(C) Legislative remedies for consideration by the general assembly;

(D) Necessary state policies or responses, including directions for the provision of clear and coordinated services and support to reduce the impact of natural catastrophes and extreme weather events and increase resiliency in this state; and

(E) Potential financial resources available for increasing resiliency throughout the state.

(d)

(1) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for any expenses incurred while participating in the business of the task force.

(2) Vacancies among the members of the task force must be filled in the same manner as in the original selection of members.

(e) The selection of members of the task force should be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

(f) The task force shall be co-chaired by the representative of the department of environment and conservation and the director of the Tennessee emergency management agency. The task force shall meet quarterly and the co-chairs shall call the first meeting of the task force.

(g) The task force must agree upon its findings and recommendations by a majority vote of its total membership. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.

(h) The task force is administratively attached to the department of environment and conservation, which shall provide necessary project management and administrative support at the request of the task force. The co-chairs of the task force may call on appropriate state agencies for reasonable assistance in the work of the task force.

(i) The task force shall hold public meetings and utilize technological means, such as webcasts, to gather feedback on the recommendations from the general public

and from persons and families affected by extreme weather and other natural catastrophes in this state.

(j) The creation of this task force does not alter or inhibit the Tennessee emergency management agency's functions as authorized under title 58.

(k)

(1) The taskforce shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the general assembly no later than July 1, 2020.

(2) This section is repealed on July 1, 2020.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.